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In re Application of: Joseph Hillman  
Serial No.: 10/639,077  
Filed: August 11, 2003  
Entitled: **ALIGNMENT MEANS FOR CHAMBER CLOSURE TO REDUCE WEAR ON SURFACES**  
Group Art Unit 1763  
Examiner Kackar, Ram

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commission for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

|  | (Col. 1)                            |       | (Col. 2)                              | (Col. 3)         |              |                |
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|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE         | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| Total Claims                                     | 43                                  | MINUS | 40                                    | 3                | 50.00        | 150.00         |
| Independent Claims                               | 8                                   | MINUS | 5                                     | 3                | 200.00       | 600.00         |
| _ First Presentation Of Multiple Dependent Claim |                                     |       |                                       |                  | 290.00       |                |
|  |                                     |       |                                       |                  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>750.00</b>  |

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.)

1. \_ No additional fee is required.
2. X A check in the amount of \$750.00 is attached.
3. X Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1275. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
4. \_ Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), as may be required, to file this response.

Dated: May 22, 2006

By: Thomas B. Haverstock  
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Dated: May 22, 2006

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| Joseph Hillman                   | ) | Examiner: Kackar, Ram            |
| Serial No.: 10/639,077           | ) | <b>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO</b> |
| Filed: August 11, 2003           | ) | <b>OFFICIAL ACTION DATED</b>     |
| For: <b>ALIGNMENT MEANS FOR</b>  | ) | <b>APRIL 7, 2006</b>             |
| <b>CHAMBER CLOSURE TO REDUCE</b> | ) | 162 North Wolfe Road             |
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Commissioner for Patents  
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments and claim amendments set forth fully below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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